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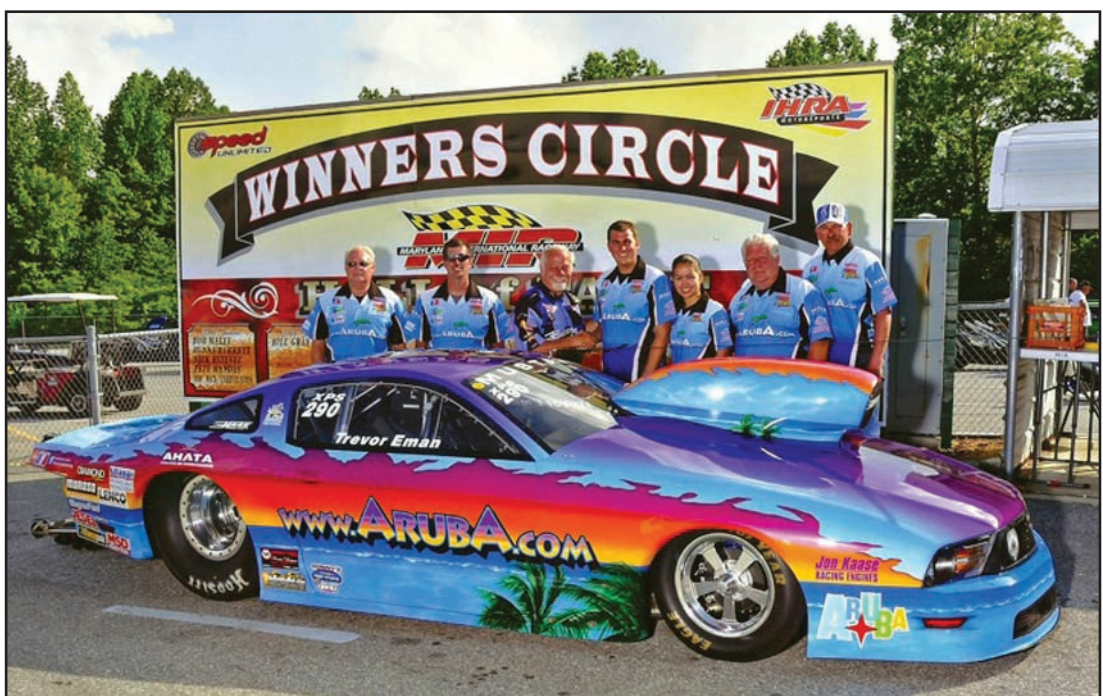
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TEAM ARUBA preparing for 2012



Romney back on top with Michigan, Arizona wins



Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney waves to supporters after being declared the winner of the Arizona and Michigan primaries. AFP

DETROIT (AFP) - Mitt Romney pulled back in front in the topsy-turvy Republican White House race with victories in Arizona and Michigan, gaining momentum ahead of next week's pivotal Super Tuesday contest.

But Romney's narrow three-point win in his native Michigan Tuesday reinforced doubts about his ability to rally the party's conservative base for what is expected to

be a dogfight with President Barack Obama in November. "Wow! What a night," an obviously relieved Romney told cheering supporters in Novi, Michigan.

"We didn't win by a lot, but we won by enough, and that's all that counts."

Romney's decisive and expected victory in Arizona - where the former Massachusetts governor won 47 percent of the vote and a 21

point lead over main rival Rick Santorum -- was overshadowed by the hotly contested Michigan race.

Santorum -- who placed a close second in Michigan with 38 percent of the vote -- sought to cast the result as a victory for a campaign that had been all but written off before sweeping Minnesota, Colorado and Missouri on February 7.

"A month ago they didn't know who we are, but they do now," Santorum told supporters in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

"We came into the backyard of one of my opponents in a race that everyone said: 'Well, just ignore it, you have really no chance here,'" Santorum said.

"And the people of Michigan looked into the hearts of the candidates, and all I have to say is I love you back."

A devout Catholic who strongly opposes abortion and gay marriage, Santorum advanced in the polls by painting himself as the authentic conservative and his multimillionaire opponent Romney as out of touch with ordinary Americans.

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Lack of Russian aid plan for Syria 'frustrating: Clinton

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on Wednesday said Russia's failure to produce an aid plan for Syria, despite its influence with President Bashar al-Assad, was "troubling" and "frustrating."

"We are doing everything we can think of to influence the Russians and the Chinese, particularly the Russians: they're the ones with the very deep, long-standing relationship with the Assad family, with Syria," Clinton said.

"They continue to sell arms to the Syrian regime,"

the chief US diplomat told the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

"We know that if we can persuade them to work with us, at least on the humanitarian issue, they will have access to Assad that hardly anybody else does have, at least nobody in the West," Clinton added.

"It is a very troubling and frustrating situation because the Russians continue to say, oh, they're for humanitarian aid, but then they don't produce any plan that Assad will sign off on," she said.



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Aruba's Meteorological Office installs new programs for faster detection of earthquakes and potential tsunamis



Minister with Paul Friberg and meteo office personnel

Aruba's Head Meteorologist, Marck Oduber, welcomed the Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber to the offices adjacent the airport on Tuesday afternoon, February 28, for the unveiling of a newly installed, upgraded system for the detection of earth tremors and major quakes, as well as early-warning tsunami software.

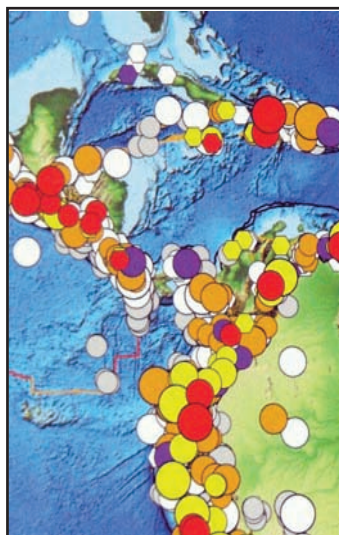
The meteorological office has for some years had a seismometer imbedded in the earth next to their headquarters, placed there by scientists from Rice University in Texas, but the information it

produced was sent directly to Rice; island technicians would not receive it for sometimes days after, and usually only upon request.

The two newly installed systems, "Earthworm", from the U.S. Geological Survey, (U.S.G.S.) and "EarlyBird," from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, (NOAA) was installed and customized for the Aruba weather service by Paul Friberg, CEO of Instrumental Software Technologies (isti) of New Paltz, N.Y.

Mr. Friberg also trained the staff of the meteorological office in the use of the

early-warning systems (regarding tsunamis) which has connected Aruba to the entire world and provides almost instantaneous information



Known earthquakes in the region

not only of regional disturbances and tremblers, but from anywhere on the globe.

The present upgrade, costing a bit over 20,000 Aruban florins, (\$12,000 U.S.) was considered essential, explained Minister Oduber. "There are literally thousands upon thousands of tremblers taking place daily," com-



Head Meteorologist Marck Oduber receives his certificate

mented Mr. Friberg, "Most are of a minor level and we don't even feel them, fortunately."

Earthquakes registering over 7 on the Richter scale are naturally a matter of great concern. Other tectonic plate action, depending on the severity of the quake and the proximity to the ocean's surface, can cause of deadly tsunamis, so the early warning system for an island such as Aruba is vital. The system also connects to smartphones, which the heads of all departments that are part of the island's disaster team will possess, so they can quickly be advised to mobilize, if warranted.

The unveiling of the new system also marked the awarding of certificates to six meteorological staff members and Marck Oduber for the completion of training by Mr. Friberg and Minister Oduber. Karel Kock, Anthony Lo, Jesus Pourier, Kenneth Wolff, Rodney Tromp and Lisandro Arends are now qualified in the use of Earthworm and EarlyBird programs.

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TEAM ARUBA preparing for 2012

Drag Racing Season is but one month away and the Aruban group TEAM ARUBA has left for Union, South Carolina to begin the necessary preparations for their first test for 2012 with the Extreme Stock Ford Mustang 2011. Due to the extreme cold weather in the US Team Aruba was unable to leave any earlier.

We can recall the fantastic performance that Extreme Pro Stock gave to fans of ADRL in 2011. It was one of the best years of drag racing. In every race in 2011 the first 16 cars had a difference of about 0.066. For this reason the test that they are about to do is of such importance for racer Trevor Eman and crew chief Tom Coon.



A view of the T-shirt for 2012

The test drive is planned for Bradenton, Florida where several other teams will be of the Pro-Stock both for the

ADRL and NHRA tests.

After the weekend test, next week they will return to Union, S.C. where they will



Trevor attends to his fans

continue working on the automobile to prepare it for the first drag race of the ADRL in Baytown, Texas. Team Aruba is scheduled to do 10 races of ADRL and 2 invitational around the US.

Team Aruba has produced a colorful T-Shirt for 2012. Very soon this T-Shirt will be on the market and will also

be available for purchase online via their website: www.teamaruba.com. For those wanting to be among the first to have one of these T-Shirts, they can send an email to info@teamaruba.com with their shirt size to reserve their shirts.

Keep up to date on all the happenings of Team Aruba on Facebook ([teamarubaracing](https://www.facebook.com/teamarubaracing)) and on Twitter ([@teamarubaracing](https://twitter.com/teamarubaracing)). Very soon the "Team Aruba on the road" TV program will return to Channel 15 ATV with new episodes.

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Successful workshop on Organizing Athletic events



The 7-week "How to Organize Sports and Entertainment Events" workshop organized by the University of Aruba in collaboraton with the University of South Carolina, held this past January and February 2012, was a tremendous success. Each workshop covered a different topic, to include, "Opportunities and Challenges in Sports & in the Entertainment Industry," and "Event Planning in Sports & Entertainment."

The government of Aruba was pleased with the way that the workshops were organized and believes that the

community will soon see the fruit of this endeavor in our sports.

The workshops were for any and everyone interested in improving their management capabilities and to amplify their knowledge with respect to sports and entertainment activities. Minister Visser was one of the speakers who shared his expertise and experiece with the 80 workshop participants.

Several US speakers were also among the speakers of the workshops, namely, Andy Gillentine, Ph.D., of the University of Southern Mississippi, Mark Nagel of the University of Northern Colorado, and Frank Roach of Golden Gate University.

At the end of the workshop each participant received a certificate of attendance. The Minister of Sports indicated that there will be more of these kinds of encounteres to continue improving the quality of our sports on the island.

At Ateliers '89 in the month of March Artist/Teacher Hans Muller will be giving the workshop: "Making 3-dimensional objects with their own sounds"

For the month of March Ateliers '89 will be organizing two workshops, given by Hans Muller (Sculptures with sounds) and José Vonk (Animated movies on video).

Classes start on March 12 at 6:30 p.m. One can only participate at one of the classes.

Both Hans and José give classes at Ateliers 89 from the beginning in 1989.

Hans is known to give classes with a passion, he's very patient and caring and always tries to give the students his personal attention. Hans creations are known to make sounds, which creates an spectacular experience for the viever. A delight as much for the eyes as for the ears. As time went by Hans became known internationally for his pieces.

"It is a pleasure for us to have Hans here once again," said an Ateliers spokesperson.

What can this '3-D Sound-Object' Workshop offer you?

· In this workshop you will learn how to make objects in 3D, using all sorts of material, e.g. Wood, metal, ceramics, textiles, plastics and other everyday materials.

· We will be using easy to manage tools such as a, small drill, saw, glue-gun etc.

· We want you to create interesting objects that stir excitement, that are eye catching, objects that can even create their own sound.

· We will teach you the technique of using & combining the various materials that best work together to create the most interesting Shapes & Functions.

· We will touch on how you relate to the Piece?

· How you would like the public to relate to your piece? Another very important



A piece by Hans Muller

element we intend to use in this workshop is THE WIND, readily available to us and in abundance on the island. Even though we can't see it... we can certainly feel and hear it.

It will be interesting to see how we can use the Wind to make our Pieces 'Sing & Dance' even make them Fly??

So anyone interested is advised to sign up as soon as possible as space is limited. These workshops will last 1 month, classes will be 4 times per week from Monday

to Thursday from 6:30 - 6:30 p.m.

At the final an exposition will be held at Ateliers from the pieces created by the students, where they can invite family and friends to come and see what they have created.

To inscribe please call Ateliers 89 Director Mr. Elvis Lopezat Tel: 5885776 or Cel: 5654613. One can also e-mail, elvis@ateliers89.com or check the web-site: www.ateliers89.com. Ages are 12 and up.

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Very simple ways to save on water and electricity consumption presented by the "Hunto Nos Ta Spaar" Team



Water and electricity, considered the most used elements worldwide, is becoming a very expensive necessity for today's households and industry in general. Our responsibility is to create ways to reduce our consumption and to become more conscious of our manner of use to so doing reduce our monthly bills. The "Together we can save" team has been visiting households and have been receiving positive responses from everyone. These home visits have been resulting in immediate adaptations and changes of attitudes which have resulted in almost immediate reduction in monthly bills.

Here is a short list of some of the advice that the Hunto Nos Ta Spaar team is sharing with the entire community that can be applied to our household:

Save on the use of water by:

1. Check all water pipes, inside and outside of the house for possible leaks. A leaking faucet can result in the waste of as much as 2 thousand liters of water per month. This check is very simple; and anyone can do this simple check and avoid the unnecessary waste.

2. Apply aerators to your faucets especially at the areas where water is used most on a daily basis...your bathroom faucets, kitchen faucet, etc.

3. Don't allow your faucet to remain open with water running while brushing your teeth, washing or rinsing your hair, soaping your body or shaving. Close the faucet until you're ready for more water.

4. Water plants in the early morning or at night. This reduces vaporization. Wet the plant roots and not the leaves or flowers.

Save on the use of electricity by:

1. Turning off all lights not in use. We have the bad habit of switching on lights and leaving them on even though we are no longer in the area/room. This applies also to television, radio or other

electric or electronic gadget.

2. Change all light bulbs to fluorescent or LED bulbs. LED lights are more expensive, but in the long term they are much more economical and will save you a lot of money.

3. Program airconditioner systems to their most efficient settings. Use a timer system to automatically switch off and on at pre-set times.

4. Make sure to service your airconditioners regularly. Keep the unit clean, this helps to reduce consumption and improve their efficiency.

5. Ensure that wherever airconditioners are installed that all windows and doors are properly sealed to prevent the leakage of cold air which causes the unit to use more energy unnecessarily.

If you apply this simple advice, the Hunto Nos ta Spaar Team is certain that

you too will enjoy the savings and will see a major difference on your monthly bills.

The money you save can be used for other important things. The primary issue here is a matter of attitude and being conscious of not using more water or electricity than is needed. Why pay so much every month when you could be paying so much less if you only make the suggested changes.



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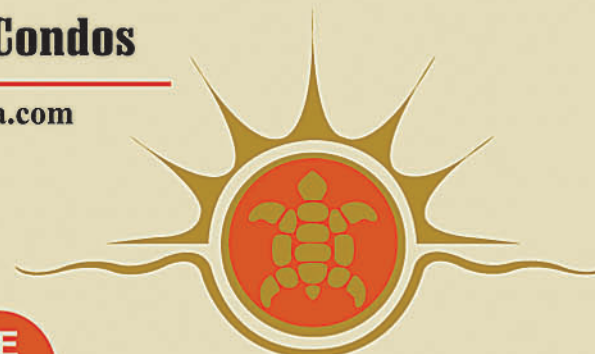
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International News

N. Korea, US agree on nuclear halt

SEOUL (AFP) - North Korea's new leadership said Wednesday it would suspend nuclear and missile tests and its uranium enrichment programme as part of a deal that includes US food aid for the impoverished nation.

The agreement, confirmed simultaneously by Washington, represents a potential breakthrough in efforts to halt the North's drive for atomic weapons following the death of longtime leader Kim Jong-Il last December.

The deal followed talks in Beijing last week between the two sides, the first dialogue since Kim's young and untested son Kim Jong-Un took power.

A Pyongyang foreign ministry spokesman said Washington had promised 240,000 tonnes of "nutritional assistance", with the prospect of additional food aid for the North, which has suffered severe food shortages since a

famine in the 1990s.

The North said it would allow the UN nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), to monitor the moratorium on uranium enrichment.

The enrichment programme, first disclosed in November 2010, could give the communist state a second way to make atomic weapons in addition to its longstanding plutonium programme.

This is believed to have produced enough material for six to eight atomic weapons.

The North said the US side offered to discuss the lifting of sanctions and provision of light-water reactors to generate electricity as a priority, once long-stalled six-party nuclear disarmament talks resume.

The Beijing discussions were aimed at persuading the North to return to the six-nation talks which it abandoned in April 2009. It staged its sec-

ond atomic weapons test a month later, following the first in 2006.

There were widespread reports in December that the two sides were close to such a deal, but the sudden death of Kim Jong-Il threw the process into uncertainty.

The new leadership headed by Jong-Un has taken a generally tough tone with the United States and South Korea, blasting joint military exercises which started on Monday as a rehearsal for war.

IAEA chief Yukiya Amano called the deal "an important step forward" and Japan's Foreign Minister Koichiro Gemba welcoming it in similar terms. His country is a member of the six-party talks along with the two Koreas, host China, the United States and Russia.

The North said it "agreed to a moratorium on nuclear tests, long-range missile launches, and uranium enrichment activity at Yongbyon and (to) allow the IAEA to monitor the moratorium on uranium enrichment while productive dialogues continue".

It said both sides reaffirmed their commitment to a September 2005 six-nation deal. This envisaged the North scrapping its nuclear programmes in return for major diplomatic and economic benefits and for a peace treaty formally ending the 1950-53 Korean War.

In the 2005 deal, the six parties agreed to "respect" the North's desire for light-water reactors to generate electricity. Such reactors are less easily converted to military applications.

Washington-based North Korea expert L. Gordon Flake said the United States was eager for a cooling of tensions with North Korea before elections in November.

"In the context of a political

year in Washington, the worst thing we could have when dealing with ongoing events in Syria and elsewhere is for North Korea to flare up," said Flake, executive director of the Mansfield Foundation.

Flake said the United States had probably already been prepared to provide North Korea with food aid based on humanitarian assessments.

Pyongyang, in a statement on its official news agency, said both sides recognised the

armistice which ended the war as "the cornerstone of peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula until the conclusion of a peace treaty".

Nuland said the United States "reaffirms that it does not have hostile intent toward the DPRK (North Korea) and is prepared to take steps to improve our bilateral relationship in the spirit of mutual respect for sovereignty and equality".

She called for greater people-to-people exchanges.

Ohio to seek adult charges for teen in school shooting

CHARDON (AFP) - The 17-year-old held in a deadly Ohio shooting rampage should be tried as an adult in the deaths of three students, a prosecutor said Tuesday after the suspect's first court appearance.

Prosecutor David Joyce told reporters that TJ Lane, who was ordered detained for another 15 days by a judge, should face adult criminal charges for Monday's tragedy at Chardon High School.

"It's a matter of law in the state of Ohio," Joyce said.

"At 17 years old committing an act like this, which

most likely would be three counts of aggravated murder... provided the juvenile court judge finds there is probable cause, he will be bound over to adult" courts, he added.

Teenagers Demetrius Hewlin and Russell King died on Tuesday from gunshot wounds sustained in the attack. Sixteen-year-old Daniel Parmertor died in hospital shortly after the shooting.

The prosecutor said a fourth gunshot victim was still in hospital and a fifth had been released to family.

Euro police nab 17 after FBI child sex-abuse probe

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Seventeen people were arrested in Britain, France, Italy, Spain and the Netherlands after an online child pornography sting, policing agency Europol said Wednesday.

"After more than a year of investigations in the member states, 37 child sex offenders have been identified," the Hague-based agency said.

"Among these offenders, 17 were arrested for child sexual molestation and production of illegal content," it added in a statement.

"Operation Atlantic" was conducted by the FBI in collaboration with several European countries during the last 12 months, Europol's

spokesman Soren Pedersen told AFP.

"Intelligence gathered by the FBI during a long and complex investigation was distributed by Europol to Britain, France, Italy, Spain and the Netherlands in December 2010," the press release added.

It was the first time Europol and the FBI cooperated in an investigation into Internet child sex abuse.

Last year in December, Europol said police in 22 European countries swooped on 112 suspects in "Operation Icarus" for allegedly sharing video material and images of children being subjected to the "most extreme form of sexual abuse".

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International News

Remains of Flight 93 victims not at landfill: US general

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Partial remains from some victims of the September 11 attacks on the Pentagon ended up at a landfill but not those who died on a hijacked airliner that went down in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, the US Air Force chief of staff said Wednesday.

General Norton Schwartz's account differed from an independent report issued Tuesday that said some remains from those killed at the Pentagon and Flight 93 -- which crashed in a Pennsylvania field -- had been dumped at a landfill.

The revelation about 9/11 victims is the latest damaging information to emerge from the military's troubled mortuary at Dover Air Force base, which has admitted to blunders in the handling of remains of some troops killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Dover mortuary received remains from some victims of the 9/11 Pentagon attack, but not the remains of victims killed in New York City or in the hijacked Flight 93 airliner, Schwartz said.

"This does not apply to those who have fallen in New York and Shanksville," he told reporters.

The Air Force already has come under criticism from military families and lawmakers for allowing the Dover mortuary to send unidentified remains of some troops killed on the battlefield to a Virginia landfill.

The practice was stopped in 2008 and now unidentified remains are cremated and buried at sea.

The Pentagon on Wednesday promised to clarify precisely what happened to the

partial remains of 9/11 victims and said families of those killed would be briefed by defense officials.

"The department is continuing to assemble records and information on the past practices of disposition of partial remains," spokesman George Little said in a statement.

"We fully understand and want to address the questions families might have about the previous disposition policy that ended in 2008. We intend to make the facts about that past policy known to the loved ones of those who died," he said.

Remains related to 9/11 carry a special resonance for Americans and the White House said Tuesday that the Pentagon was taking steps to ensure such mistakes "never happen again."

Romney back on top with wins

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But Romney put in a strong debate performance when it mattered on Thursday and has used his financial muscle to portray Santorum, a former Pennsylvania senator, as a Washington insider.

"Romney gained momentum with these two wins," Paul Beck, a political expert at Ohio State University, told AFP.

"But Super Tuesday will likely yield a mixed picture," he said, referring to March 6, when simultaneous contests will be held in 10 states, offering a trove of delegates and possibly upending the volatile nomination battle once again.

Romney sidestepped what would have been a "devastating blow" but remains vulnerable to Santorum's challenge from the right, said Charles Franklin, co-founder of pollster.com and a professor at Marquette University Law School.

"Santorum meanwhile will have to campaign under the weight of two losses and increased scrutiny rather than the big boost an upset win in Michigan would have given him," Franklin told AFP.

Romney currently leads in pledged delegates after having won the more important states so far.

He also has the best-funded and most organized campaign, which will certainly help in what could be a long slog to the Republican National Convention in August.

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All four remaining candidates -- including former House speaker Newt Gingrich and congressman Ron Paul of Texas -- have vowed to stay in the race until the convention, where a result might have to be brokered behind the scenes if no one reaches the magic number of 1,144 delegates.

The negative, gaffe-ridden slug-fest is providing ample fodder for Obama, who tore into his Republican opponents on Tuesday for their vehement opposition to his efforts to save the Michigan-based auto industry.

Romney has frequently accused Obama of engineering the bailout of General Motors and Chrysler to help his union supporters, but Obama said charges of crony capitalism are a "load of you-know-what."

The Republican opposition to the successful bailout and focus on divisive social issues "has probably cost them Michigan in the general election," said Michael Traugott, a political expert at the University of Michigan.

The attack on unions could also undermine Republicans in rust belt states like Ohio and Pennsylvania, which are key battlegrounds in the November 6 general election, especially if Obama succeeds in framing Republicans as social extremists who sell out workers while pushing for huge tax cuts for the rich.

Dutch launch mobile mercy killing teams

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Six specialised teams, each with a doctor, will criss-cross the Netherlands as of today to carry out euthanasia at the home of patients whose own doctors refuse to do so, a pro-mercy killing group said.

"From Thursday, the Levensindekliniek (Life-end clinic) will have mobile teams where people who think they comply with the criteria for euthanasia can register," Right-to-die NL (NVVE) spokeswoman Walburg de Jong said.

Made up of a specially-trained doctor and nurse who will work part time for the group, called the Life-end clinic, teams will be able to visit patients all over the Netherlands, De Jong said.

The Netherlands became

the first country in the world to legalise euthanasia in April 2002 and strict criteria regulates how such mercy killings can be carried out. Patients must be mentally alert when making the request to die.

Patients also have to face a future of "unbearable, interminable suffering" and both the patient and the doctor -- who have to obtain a second opinion -- before euthanasia is carried out, must agree there is no cure.

Each euthanasia case is then reported to one of five special commissions, each made up of a doctor, a jurist and an ethical expert charged with verifying that all criteria had been observed.

But the plan, which received the thumbs-up from

Dutch Health Minister Edith Schippers in the Dutch parliament, has met with scepticism from one of the Netherlands' largest medical lobbies.

The Royal Dutch Society of Doctors (KNMG) said it doubted whether the "euthanasia doctors" would be able to form a close-enough relationship with a patient to make a correct assessment.

Yearly, some 3,100 mercy killings are carried out in the Netherlands said De Jong, adding that the NVVE have already been phoned by 70 potential patients since the plan was announced in early February.

The NVVE said its teams were expected to receive around 1,000 assisted suicides requests per year.

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New warning about diabetes posted on statin bottles

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Food and Drug Administration announced Tuesday it will revise warnings posted on the cholesterol-fighting drugs called statins because of a slightly increased risk of diabetes.

Elevated blood sugar levels have been reported in patients using statins, the FDA said.

The statins mentioned by the FDA include popular brands like Lipitor, Pravachol, Crestor and Zocor.

"We want health care professionals and patients to have the most current information on the risks of statins, but also to assure them that these medications continue to provide an important health benefit of lowering cholesterol," said Mary Parks, director of the FDA's metabolism and endocrinology products division.

Manufacturers say that when statins are used with good diet and exercise, they

can be effective in reducing bad cholesterol levels. Cholesterol is a fatty material that can build up in arteries and lead to heart failure.

Drug labels also are being revised to remove a suggestion of routine periodic monitoring of liver enzymes in patients taking statins, the FDA said.

The FDA now recommends that liver enzymes -- proteins that speed up biological chemical reactions -- be measured before starting statin therapy.

Instead, patients should notify their doctors if they experience symptoms of liver problems, such as fatigue, appetite loss, stomach pain, dark urine, yellowing of the skin or whiteness in the eyes, the FDA statement said.

The FDA also warned about memory loss and mental confusion while taking statins but added that it was a small problem that disappeared when the drug use is discontinued.

Common sleeping pills linked with higher death risk

PARIS (AFP) - Commonly-prescribed sleeping pills are linked to a more-than fourfold risk of premature death, according to an American study published in the journal BMJ Open on Monday.

These medications were also associated at higher doses with a 35-percent increased risk of cancer as compared with non-users, but the reason for this is unclear.

Doctors led by Daniel Kripke of the Scripps Clinic Viterbi Family Sleep Center in La Jolla, California, looked at the medical records of more than 10,500 adults living in Pennsylvania who were taking prescribed sleeping aids.

These were compared against more than 23,600 counterparts, matched for age, health and background, who did not take these drugs.

The study ranged over two and a half years, and looked at widely-prescribed sleeping pills, including benzodiazepines, non-benzodiazepines, barbiturates and sedatives.

The overall number of deaths that occurred during this period was small in both groups, being less than a thousand in total.

But there was a striking dif-

ference in mortality, the researchers found.

Those who took between 18 and 132 doses of the pills per year were 4.6 times likelier to die than the "control" group.

Even those who took less than 18 annual doses were more than 3.5 times likelier to die.

Details of how individuals died were not disclosed, and the authors stress that they have found a statistical link but not a cause.

But they sound the alarm, given the vast number of people who take these drugs.

The average age of the people in the study was 54. The researchers say they took into account factors that could skew the comparison between the two groups, such as whether an individual smoked or had a pre-existing health condition.

However, they were unable to take depression, anxiety and other emotional factors into account, as these diagnoses are kept secret under Pennsylvania law.

Previous research into sleeping pills has found a link with car accidents and serious falls, "night-eating syndromes" of bingeing on food, regurgitation in the oesophagus and peptic ulcer disease.



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Saint Petersburg passes 'anti-gay' law despite outrage



SAINT PETERSBURG, (AFP) - The local parliament in Russia's second city of Saint Petersburg on Wednesday passed a controversial law banning "homosexual propaganda", in defiance of protests by gay rights groups.

The law -- passed in a third and final reading with 29 lawmakers in favour and five against -- makes it illegal to promote homosexuality and paedophilia among minors aged under 18.

But rights groups have said the law is dangerous as it will be left up to the whim of the authorities to decide what constitutes propaganda, meaning gays could risk fines for demonstrations or showing intimate behaviour in public.

"This law is shameful for the Saint Petersburg parliament," said Olga Galkina of the Yabloko (Apple) liberal party, whose deputies with one exception voted against the law.

"How will citizens protect their rights? The authorities will hardly be competent to deter-

rights protests that could be seen by children.

They have also been angered by the fact the law appears to equate homosexuality with paedophilia.

Offenders in the city -- Russia's number one destination for foreign tourists -- risk being punished with a fine of up to 50,000 rubles (\$1,700) if found guilty of promoting homosexuality.

The law forbids "making propaganda through public acts for homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality and transgenderism among minors."

Homosexuality was decriminalised in Russia in 1993 but officials often make homophobic statements, most notoriously ex-Moscow mayor Yuri Luzhkov, who consistently refused to sanction gay pride events, which he called "satanic."



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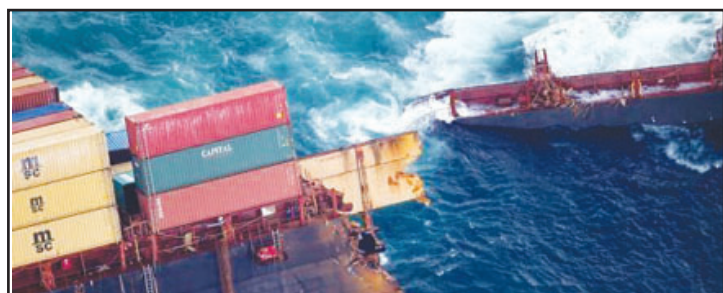
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Ship captain pleads guilty over N. Zealand oil spill



(AFP) - The captain and second officer of a ship that caused New Zealand's biggest sea pollution disaster pleaded guilty to criminal charges and could face lengthy jail terms, officials said.

The officers were in charge of the Liberian-flagged *Rena* when it ploughed into a reef last year, releasing an oil slick that killed thousands of sea birds and fouled beaches in the North Island's pristine Bay of Plenty.

The men, both Filipinos, pleaded guilty to operating a ship in a dangerous manner and attempting to pervert the

course of justice by altering navigation records after the accident, Maritime New Zealand (MNZ) said on Wednesday.

At a hearing in the Tauranga District Court, the captain also admitted discharging harmful substances from the cargo vessel, MNZ said.

The *Rena* hit the Astrolabe Reef 22 kilometres (14 miles) offshore in clear conditions as it steamed at full speed towards Tauranga, New Zealand's largest container port, becoming stuck fast on the submerged rocks.

More than 300 tonnes of

toxic fuel oil spewed from the vessel, creating an oil slick kilometres (miles) long, which washed onto beaches at the popular tourist spot, coating birds in thick black sludge.

Environment Minister Nick Smith described it as New Zealand's worst maritime pollution disaster and claimed shortly after the accident that the *Rena* hit the reef while taking a short cut to reach port.

The disaster triggered a dangerous salvage operation which involved crews scrambling to pump remaining oil from the *Rena*'s fuel tanks as heavy seas pounded the stricken vessel, opening up deep cracks in its hull.

An army of 5,000 volunteers was also mobilised to clean up the shoreline of the bay, which contains marine reserves and teems with wildlife including whales, dolphins, penguins, seals and rare sea birds.

Sci-Tech

Cybercriminals target phones, Android 'most exposed'



(AFP) - Cybercriminals are sneaking a fast-increasing amount of malware into smartphones to steal data or even money, with those running on Google's Android most exposed to security threats, analysts said.

While the Android open concept has gained the hearts of those who find the iPhone too closely managed by Apple, it is also turning out to be the Google operating system's Achilles heel.

"Something really worrying about the Google model, which is also the beauty of that model, is the openness of the environment," Cesare Garlati, consumer specialist at security firm Trend Micro, told AFP.

Anyone can create or install an application on an Android phone, Garlati pointed out, as opposed to the Apple controlled Appstore which imposes a layer of screening.

Trend Micro surveyed independent analysts about security features on the four main mobile operating systems -- Apple's iOS, RIM's BlackBerry, Microsoft's Windows and Google's Android -- and found that BlackBerry was ranked most secure and Android the least.

BlackBerry benefitted from the fact that it was originally designed more as a platform than a device, while iOS, ranked second most secure, was tightly controlled by Apple.

Nevertheless, Garlati stressed that "no platform is immune from problems."

With over a billion people expected to own a smartphone by 2013, cybercheats are increasingly setting their sights on the market.

Several sessions at this year's Mobile World Congress therefore addressed security, with companies including McAfee, SAP, Kaspersky Lab all trotting out new security products for tablets or smartphones.

Technology company Juniper Networks compiled a "record number of mobile malware attacks" in 2011, particularly on Android phones.

In 2010, just 11,138 mobile malware samples were recorded, but they soared 155 percent to 28,472 in 2011, the company said.

Just under half -- 46.7 percent -- occurred on Android phones, said Juniper, whose study did not look into Apple breaches.

"The combination of Google Android's dominant market share and the lack of control over the applications appearing in the various Android application stores created a perfect storm, giving malware developers the means and incentives to focus on the platform," the group said.

Eugene Kaspersky, chief executive of the eponymous computer security firm, said: "We are pretty sure that this will follow the computer's evolution," pointing out that threats had surged from 90,000 in 2004 to some 16 million in 2011, with internet transactions largely fueling the rise.

Some criminals are hiding "malicious code in legitimate applications" that consumers are downloading unwittingly.

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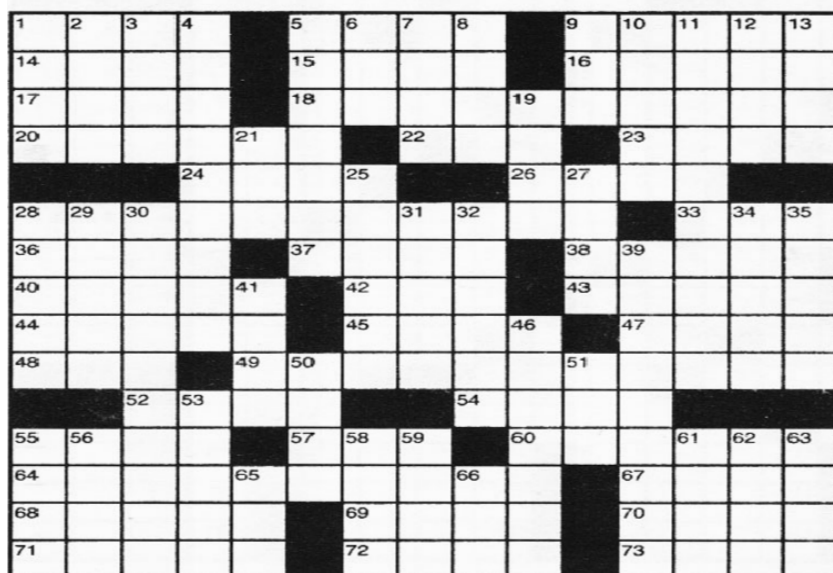
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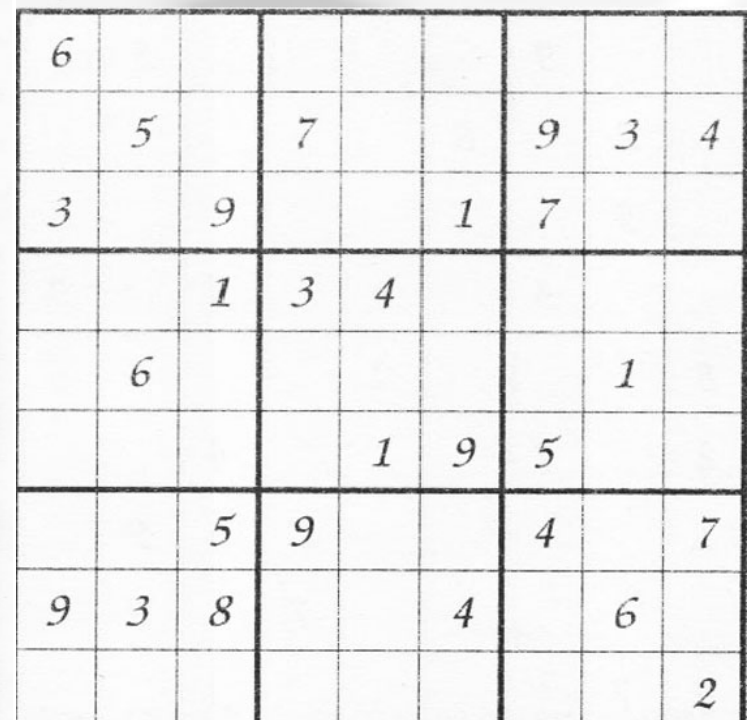
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Apple's market cap tops \$500 billion

NEW YORK (AFP) - Apple shares gained \$1.31 percent on Wall Street on Monday and the California gadget-maker closed the day with a market capitalization of more than \$500 billion.

Apple shares ended the day's trading at \$542.44, giving the Cupertino, California-based company a market cap -- the number of shares outstanding multiplied by the stock price -- of \$504.01 billion.

The maker of the iPhone, iPad, iPod and Macintosh computer jumped over oil giant ExxonMobil in January to become the largest US company in terms of market value.

Apple dethroned software giant Microsoft in May 2010 to become the largest US technology company in terms of market cap.

Apple stock has risen



steadily over the past few years on the release of a string of hit products starting with the iPod in 2001, followed by the iPhone in 2007 and the iPad in 2010.

Apple reported record earnings last quarter, driven by strong sales of the iPhone 4S, which was released a day before the October 5 death of Apple's visionary co-founder Steve Jobs.

Apple's net profit more than doubled in the first quarter of fiscal 2012 to a record \$13.06 billion while revenue soared to an all-time high of \$46.33 billion from \$26.74 billion a year ago.

Apple sent out invitations Tuesday to a March 7 press event expected to be the unveiling of the next generation of the iPad.

The invitations featured a picture of an iPad and the words: "We have something you really have to see. And touch."

According to the Dow Jones-owned technology blog All Things Digital, the "iPad 3" will be shaped like the current model, but run on a faster computer chip and have improved graphics.

Apple has sold more than 55 million iPads since launching the device in April 2010.

Finance

Briefs...

Germany seeks to combat 'prejudices' amid euro crisis

BERLIN (AFP) - Germany launched a campaign Wednesday to counter a resurgence of "old prejudices" about the country as it acknowledged that the euro-zone crisis had revived fears over its power.

A 12-page document presented to the cabinet by Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle said the euro-zone crisis had led to the return of "old resentments and prejudices".

"Among some neighbours, fears of an ultra-powerful Germany have developed," the document said.

In Athens, protestors have burned German flags in recent weeks as Greece enacts painful austerity measures.

Germany argues that no member state has more to lose from the failure of Europe than it does and plans to combat cliches and stereotypes via politicians, the media, ambassadors and civil society.

Pakistan to normalise trade with India by year end

ISLAMABAD (AFP) - Pakistan will normalise trade with arch-rival India by the end of this year, the government said Wednesday, phasing out major restrictions on Indian imports.

Information Minister Firdous Ashiq Awan said Islamabad will gradually scrap a "negative list", which bans hundreds of items from India and places barriers on other trade, in a bid to improve ties between the nuclear-armed neighbours.

Oil edges higher amid US saber-rattling

NEW YORK (AFP) - Oil prices edged up Wednesday amid some new saber-rattling from Washington over Iran's suspect nuclear program.

After an initial negative

reaction, the markets shrugged off a bearish economic forecast from Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and data showing a rise in US oil stocks to push higher.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for delivery in April, gained 52 cents to \$107.07 a barrel.

GM to take 7% of French Peugeot in strategic alliance



PARIS (AFP) - Struggling French automaker PSA Peugeot Citroen and US giant General Motors unveiled Wednesday a strategic alliance that will see GM take a seven percent stake in its new partner.

The two companies announced "the creation of a long-term and broad-scale global strategic alliance that will leverage the combined

strengths and capabilities of the two companies."

The agreement, they said in a joint statement, will "contribute to the profitability of both partners and strongly improves their competitiveness in Europe."

GM and Peugeot are to focus on sharing vehicle platforms, components and modules and on creating a global purchasing joint venture for sourcing commodities and other goods and services from suppliers.

As part of the deal, the French firm is to raise about one billion euros (\$1.3 billion) through a share sale which will also include an investment from the Peugeot Family Group, the statement said.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Nepal shamans spread message to Westerners

KATHMANDU (AFP) - Her body begins shaking as she mumbles an ancient shaman mantra to the beat of a double-sided drum, coaxing snake spirits out of a young Nepali man who has "lost his soul".

Iron bells around Parvati Rai's white shirt ring as she jumps and writhes in a trance, her head-dress of peacock feathers waving wildly as she flings her arms over her patient.

In the background, awestruck Westerners watch the animistic ceremony performed not high in a mountain pass, but in a comfortable modern property in suburban Kathmandu.

"The boy has lost his soul and we are helping him find it," says Mohan Rai, founder of the Shamanistic Studies and Research Centre Nepal, as he helps the ethnic Kirati healer complete the age-old ritual.

After decades of modernisation when witch doctors were almost wiped out, "urban shamans" are enjoying a renaissance among Nepal's metropolitan middle class and Westerners looking to be healed, cleansed or spiritually awakened.

Mohan Rai, 80, has been on the frontline of the revival since setting up his centre in 1988 to breathe new life into a practice he says has been "left behind" by science, technology and the big world religions.



"Shamanism is 75,000 years old. But it is dying out in the villages and I want to keep these traditions alive," said Rai, who is critical of the mainstream religions and governments he believes have plotted to kill off shaman practices.

"I have thousands of students a year and, more and more, they are Westerners looking for something else where Western medicine has failed. Some of my students are also medical doctors looking to integrate shamanism into their own work."

Shamans, known in Nepal as dhimi-jhankris, claim to find the lost souls of the sick by travelling between three worlds connected by an upside down tree called Kalpa Vriksha, the "tree of immortality".

They say they commune with the deities and spirits -- both benign and malignant --

inhabiting each world.

Tobias Weber, 33, a German farmer travelling in Nepal, said he was drawn to shamanism after becoming interested in healing but disillusioned with Western medicine.

"If you have broken your arm you go to a hospital but there is also so much you can get from the spiritual side of healing which people never experience."

-- "Totally open mind" --

Rai, who is married to two sisters and speaks English, German, Spanish, French, Sherpa, Tibetan and Hindi, has enjoyed a colourful life.

Born into a Bhutanese farming community, he grew up helping his father, "a powerful and well-known shaman" with healing rituals for the sick in his village.

After a stint in the British army as part of Nepal's legendary Gurkhas and time as a

trekking guide and mountain rescuer, he was led back to shamanism via working with foreign anthropologists locating witch doctors among the country's indigenous tribes.

He realised the healing art was of great interest to the developed world and set up his research centre to spread the message, employing shamans from Himalayan mountain communities.

In his centre sits a photograph of a six-year-old German boy whom Rai says he healed after the youngster, riddled with cancer, was given just two years to live.

He also relates the story of a paralysed man he helped to walk within just a few healing sessions.

Australian Laura Martino is taking a course at Rai's centre and wants to help people in her home town of Melbourne reconnect with their spiritual side.

"I came here with a totally open mind, which I had to because of some of the amazing experiences I've had here, like trips to the mountains and sleeping in graveyards," she said.

"I think the Western world has lost something in its approach to healing and we really need to get in touch again with nature."

Shamanism has had its critics, however, in a country where ancient superstitions can have a devastating effect.

Last week villagers in southern Nepal beat a neighbour and burned her alive because their shaman had told them she was a witch.

The crime caused widespread revulsion, with Prime Minister Baburam Bhattarai appealing to Nepalis not to listen to the accusations of shamans.

"In villages especially, faith healers are from the local community while western medicine practitioners are from cities and towns and are often regarded as outsiders," said Ravi Shankar, a professor at the Manipal College of Medical Sciences in Pokhara, Nepal's second city.

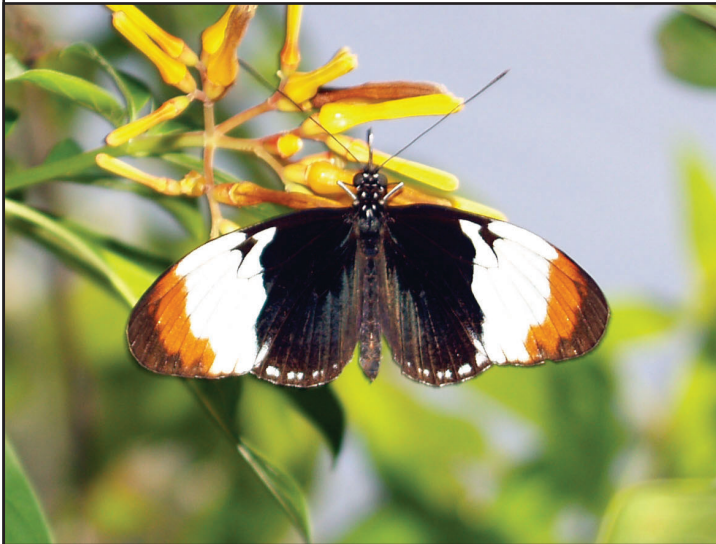
Many academics in the West believe that shamans rely on the "placebo effect" -- the tendency of any treatment, even an ineffective one, to cause improvements in health simply because the recipient believes it will work.

Even doctors who distrust Nepal's shamans have in the past relied on their services, training them to use rehydration salts to treat diarrhoea and administer antibiotics in pneumonia cases.

"There is the negative aspect where diseases like epilepsy and mental illness are regarded as entirely due to supernatural causes and modern medical treatment is neglected," said Shankar.

"But then this was the case in the West also about 150 years ago."

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The staff kindly provides a guide to identify the various exotic species from around the world and there are at least 200 butterflies fluttering around, drinking nectar, or relaxing in the shade. The farm also imports pupae, so often you can see the butterflies breaking out of their chrysalis or perhaps the largest such creature, the Atlas Moth, fresh from its cocoon. This amazing insect lives only five days, so be on the lookout for this rare treat!

Aside from the inventory of live butterflies, the farm houses a gift shop which boasts the largest collection of butterfly souvenirs, jewelry and knick-knacks to be gathered in one place. If you are a fan of anything with butterflies, you are bound to find a beautiful memento of your visit, or a treasured gift.



Steak on a Stone-Le Petit Café's specialty



In a time when dining choices and critiques are based on value for your dollar, an old favorite, Le Petit Café, still offers one of the best values not only in price, but quality, quantity and ambience.

Le Petit Café in Palm Beach offers charming surroundings reminiscent of a European outdoor café. Surrounded by Old World gaslights and an abundance of flora, it provides a delightful and romantic setting. In Oranjestad, diners can enjoy a breathtaking view of the harbor; particularly as the sun dips over the horizon and the

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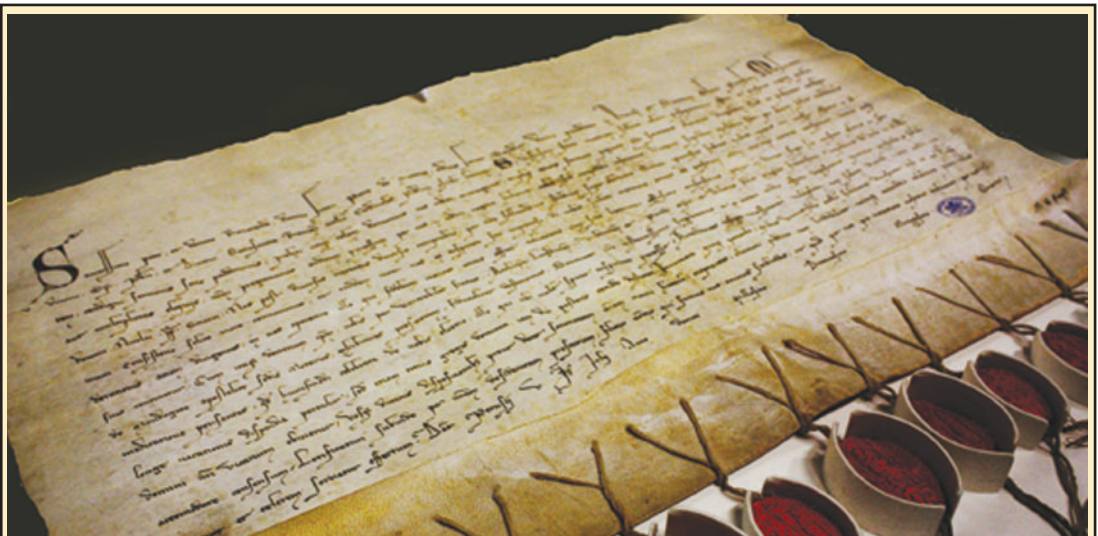
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ROMA, Italy : This picture publicly distributed by the Vatican Secret Archives on February 29, 2012 shows a letter from Cardinals at Celestino V. The exhibit entitled "Lux in Arcana" in Rome's Capitoline Museums will run until September 9 and organisers said it was a unique chance to see a priceless collection of documents from the Vatican's closely-guarded vaults.

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SPORTS

Tennis: Federer, Djokovic on Dubai collision course



Feliciano Lopez of Spain returns to Swiss champion Roger Federer during their ATP Dubai Open tennis match

DUBAI (AFP) - Grand Slam record-holder Roger Federer kept on course for a Saturday showdown with top-seeded Novak Djokovic after winning a quarter-final repeat of the 2004 Dubai Open final against Feliciano Lopez.

However Federer needed a tight mind and some outstanding serving to win 7-5, 6-3 against the fluently aggressive Spaniard who is at a career-high world number 15 and enjoyed the fast conditions here Wednesday.

Lopez often attacked the net threateningly, created difficult angles with his left-handed game, and forced his legendary opponent to play somewhere near his best.

"I just tried to focus on my own serve," said Federer, who lost only nine points behind his delivery all match.

The most notable moments were a 20-point tenth game in which Lopez saved three set points but which may have softened him up for Federer's breakthrough two games later, and a sensational rally in the final game.

This saw Lopez twice force Federer back from the net with

stomach-stretching lobs, and, after attacking forays by both from baseline and forecourt, the crowd were cheering on their feet.

Federer squeezed out that memorable point, and three rallies later closed out the match with a sharp serve-volley. He now has another repeat final, against Mikhail Youzhny, whom he beat in the 2007 showdown.

Youzhny progressed with a 6-2, 7-6 (7/0) win over against Mardy Fish, the sixth-seeded American making his first visit to the Middle East tournament.

If Federer does beat the Russian again he may have a repeat of last year's Wimbledon quarter-final with Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, the Frenchman who became the first player to come from two sets down to beat Federer.

The fourth-seeded Tsonga advanced with alarms, overcoming Lukas Rosol, the world number 96 from the Czech republic, by 6-3, 6-4 and earning a quarter-final with Juan Martin Del Potro, the 2009 US Open champion from Argentina.

Earlier triple Grand Slam ti-

tleholder Djokovic had to fight hard to get within one win of a possible semi-final rematch with Andy Murray, the three-time Grand Slam finalist from Scotland.

The two had a classic five-hour semi-final at last month's Australian Open.

Djokovic beat Sergei Stakhovsky, the dangerously hard-hitting world number 74 from Ukraine, by 7-6 (7/5), 6-3, but the top seed was break point down in the eighth game of the first set and a break of serve down early in the second set.

He served well, which got him out of trouble in the first set, and enabled him to close the match out without inhibition, finishing with an ace.

It was very close," Djokovic said. "I was fortunate I got breaks when I needed them. With more matches I will get more rhythm."

If so, the man who will next bear the brunt is his friend and fellow Serbian, Janko Tipsarevic.

Meanwhile Murray's bid to push on from his tremendous Australian performance carried him to a solid win over Marco Chiudinelli, the third best Swiss player, by 6-3, 6-4.

He served better and moving more easily than the previous day against Michael Berrer, when he complained of feeling unwell, and had to recover from 3-4 down in the final set.

Murray was also in better humour. A boxing fan, he was asked what he thought of the rumpus at the Dereck Chisora and David Haye press conference. "Yeah, I saw that this morning when I got up. It was not great, was it?" he said.


Infection slows Howard rehab after Achilles op

(AFP)- Phillies first baseman Ryan Howard's recovery from left Achilles tendon surgery has been slowed by an infection, MLB.com reported on Wednesday.

The Major League Baseball team said at their Spring Training base in Florida that Howard will miss at least a few days after a procedure on Monday to the infection.

Head athletic trainer Scott Sheridan said Howard's Achilles tendon has not been compromised.

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cern going into this," said Sheridan, adding that doctors

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According to the report, a suture did not dissolve properly after the surgery in October, leading to the infection.

Howard ruptured his left Achilles tendon on the final play of Philadelphia's season-ending defeat to St. Louis in game five of their National League first-round playoff series in October.

He fell to the ground as he left the batter's box on his ground out that ended the game.

FIFA urged to allow women to wear headscarf

PARIS (AFP) - World football's governing body, FIFA, has been urged by the United Nations to permit Islamic women to wear a specially-designed hijab headscarf while playing the sport.

Wilfried Lemke, a special adviser on sport to U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, wrote to FIFA president Sepp Blatter, expressing his support for the initiative put forth by the Asian Football Confederation for players to have "the right to wear a safe, Velcro-opening headscarf in FIFA-regulated matches and competitions."

AFC chief Zhang Jilong had called for the ban on headscarves to be lifted at the end of January, claiming new designs could prevent neck injuries.

Lemke said that a change in legislation "...would remove a barrier that can deter women and girls from participating in football [...] and would set a positive example."

He continued: "It would send the message that each female player, from the top elite level down to the grassroots, has the freedom to decide whether or not to wear this particular piece of attire while on the field."

"It would give the opportunity for remarkable female athletes to demonstrate that wearing the headscarf is not an obstacle to excelling in life and sports, and would hence contribute to challenging gender stereotypes and bringing about a change in mentalities," added Lemke.

The hijab was banned by FIFA in 2007 on the grounds of safety, but both Zhang and Lemke argue that new designs eliminate the potential risk of a serious injury.

"I have personally seen the new designs with a velcro joined at the neck which releases if the headscarf is pulled, ensuring the player's safety," said Zhang.

The International Football Association Board, football's top law-making body, is scheduled to meet on Saturday in England to discuss the proposal as part of its 126th Annual Meeting.

Football: Klinsmann's USA shock Italy

GENOA (AFP) - Jurgen Klinsmann celebrated his first ever win over Italy as the German's United States team inflicted a well deserved and memorable 1-0 defeat of the 2006 World Cup winners in an international friendly here on Wednesday.

Fulham striker Clint Dempsey's second half goal gave the United States their fourth successive victory while Italy suffered a second straight loss at home.

For Klinsmann this was a sweet result after his Germany side had come off second best to Italy in the 2006 World Cup semi-finals.

Italy's Sebastian Giovinco produced the hosts' first real chance when his effort forced US keeper Tim Howard into action.

Then the Italians had the ball in the back of the net on 25 minutes only for Alessandro Matri's shot to be ruled offside by Turkish referee Firat Aydinus.

On 37 minutes Italy captain and keeper Gianluigi Buffon - one of the few survivors of the

2006 semi-final win - could only palm away United States veteran Dempsey's stinging shot.

Thiago Motta saw his threatening half volley gratefully scooped up by Howard two minutes from the interval.

The sides went into the break after a first period in which the Italians were unable to capitalise on their superior possession against a committed US side.

On 55 minutes the deadlock was broken when against the run of play Jozy Altidore did well to set up Dempsey whose left-footed drive left Buffon with no chance at all.

Michael Bradley, son of Klinsmann's predecessor in the US hotseat, Bob Bradley, and the only Italy-based player in the visitors side was one of the stars for the United States and only his timely tackle stopped the lively Giovinco in his tracks.

The Italians were having difficulty breaking through the stout US defence led by skipper Carlos Bocanegra and Bundesliga-based Steve

Cherundolo, and despite late pressure the US held on for a memorable win.

The loss will have given Italy coach Cesare Prandelli plenty of food for thought as he desperately searches for a strikeforce he can deploy ahead of the Euro 2012 finals in June.

Having successfully got them to the finals and rebuilt some of the damage done to their image after they became

the first defending champions to exit at the first hurdle in the 2010 World Cup Prandelli has lost his three leading strikers. Antonio Cassano is out because of a heart problem, while Giuseppe Rossi too is recovering after suffering a serious injury at the end of October and Cassano's replacement, Manchester City badboy Mario Balotelli, was dropped for his on the field behaviour.

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Boxing: Warren fury after boxer Chisora suspended by WBC



FILES - Picture taken on February 18, 2012 shows British boxer Dereck Chisora (R) arguing with Haye manager Adam Booth after having a brawl with compatriot David Haye during a press conference

LONDON (AFP) - British promoter Frank Warren hit out at the World Boxing Council on Wednesday after the governing body slapped heavyweight Dereck Chisora with an indefinite suspension.

In an unusual move, the WBC unilaterally banned

Chisora late Tuesday following the fighter's antics before, during and after his recent title defeat to Vitali Klitschko in Germany.

Chisora slapped Klitschko at the weigh in, spat water in the face of the Ukrainian's brother Wladimir and then got involved in a brawl with

British heavyweight David Haye at the post-fight press conference.

The WBC described Chisora's actions as a "one of the worst behaviors ever by a professional boxer" as it announced its ban.

However Warren branded Chisora's ban as "outrageous" on Wednesday, blasting the WBC for not giving the fighter a chance to explain himself before imposing its punishment.

"There are a lot of things that happened behind the scenes that need to be taken into account," Warren told Sky Sports News. "For the WBC to do this is outrageous."

"What happened outside the ring I'm not condoning, but you cannot do this to anybody without letting them have a hearing."

"Dereck Chisora got beaten, he wasn't a champion, therefore it's easy for them to do this. How can you not allow anybody a fair hearing? Everybody's entitled to a fair hearing, what-

ever you think of them, whatever you've seen.

"There is a procedure which should take place and then determine whether and if there is a punishment necessary," Warren said.

But Klitschko's manager, Bernd Boente, welcomed the WBC's stance.

"It's the right approach from the WBC," he told German Sky Sports News.

"You can't behave any worse than Chisora did before and after the fight."

"The man needs help from

a good psychologist or therapist."

Boente added that Chisora's suspension was hardly a blow for the boxing world, after Klitschko won the fight with a damaged left shoulder.

"Vitali beat him with one hand. Chisora is okay, but he is no superstar," he said.

Chisora has been removed from the WBC's rankings list and the organisation is demanding that he undergo anger management counselling.

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